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Subject: Damage to Lime Kiln, Granite Construction, Morgan Aggregate Facility, M/029/0008, Morgan County, Utah

Dear Ms. Hunsaker:

On about September 26, 2011, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining was informed by Chris Faulhaber of Granite Construction that there had been some damage to a lime kiln next to their scales at the referenced mine. This kiln is the westernmost of two kilns at the site and had partly collapsed prior to Granite receiving approval for its Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (LMO). The two kilns, listed as 42Mo66, had been identified as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Upon closer examination and after comparing before and after pictures, it was determined that there was very little damage, perhaps just a few rocks that fell that were part of the kiln. It is not certain whether mining activity caused the problem; it could have been related to weather or some other factor. The scales serve to attenuate vibration from haul trucks, and the haul truck on the scales was not moving at the time the rocks fell from the kiln.

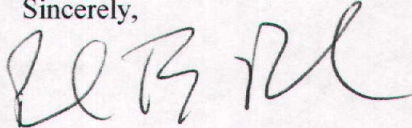
The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has determined the following actions should occur:

1. The operator will be required to monitor for continued degradation by taking photos from a fixed point on approximately a monthly basis and submitting them to the Division. These photos can be compared for changes.
2. Mitigation measures will be reconsidered if there is additional damage.
3. The operator will perform a more detailed analysis before full scale production begins.
4. Depending on the situation and with concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Division may decide upon a different course of action not contemplated at this time.

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Please let me know if you consider these actions acceptable. Thank you for your consideration.
Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PBB', followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Cc: Chris Faulhaber, Granite Construction

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